

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of reducing reflective glare produced by a lamp assembly, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a moveable reflective glare reducing shield having a ring with a vacant center, teeth arranged about the ring; and a protuberance arranged upon the ring and protruding into the center of the ring;

determining that a potential reflective glare producing condition exists; and

~~(b) rotating the a~~-moveable reflective glare reducing shield within a plane generally perpendicular to the lamp assembly's optical axis, so that the protuberance of the shield is placed in the lamp assembly's forward beam to produce an illumination field formed by the light exiting the lamp assembly with reduced illumination in the foreground area of the illumination field.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of rotating ~~thea~~ shield comprises the step of rotating an opaque protuberanceshield into the forward beam of the lamp assembly.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The lamp assembly of claim 6, wherein the shield is moveable between a plurality of positions between the first position and the second position, such that when the shield is in each of the plurality of positions, a respective plurality of illumination levels are produced by the beam of light in the foreground area, each of the plurality of illumination levels being greater than the second illumination level and less than the first illumination level.

6. (Currently amended) An automobile lamp assembly comprising:
 - (a) a reflector having an optical axis;
 - (b) a light source placed such that light from the light source impinges upon the reflector and is reflected in a forward direction;
 - (c) a lens located forward of the reflector, such that light reflected by the reflector passes through the lens and exits the lamp assembly in the form of a beam producing an illumination field, the illumination field having an upper area and a foreground area; and
 - (d) a reflective glare reducing shield comprising a ring with a vacant center, teeth arranged about the ring, and a protuberance arranged upon the ring and protruding into the center of the ring, so that the shield is moveable by rotation within a plane generally perpendicular to the optical axis between a first position and a second position, such that when the shield is in the first position, a first illumination level is produced by the beam of light in the foreground area, and such that when the shield is in the second position, a second illumination level is produced by the beam of light in the foreground area, the second illumination level being less than the first illumination level.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) The lamp assembly of claim 6, wherein the lamp assembly further comprises a means for rotating the shield, the means for rotating engaged with the teeth.
9. (Original) The lamp assembly of claim 8, wherein the means for rotating is in a location remote from the shield.
10. (Currently Amended) The lamp assembly of claim 6, wherein the protuberance is generally in the shape of a partial epicycloid.
11. (Original) The lamp assembly of claim 10, wherein the protuberance is opaque.

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12. (Currently Amended) The lamp assembly of claim 67, the lamp assembly further comprising, a cutoff shield having an upper edge, the cutoff shield located between the glare reducing shield and the lens.
13. (Original) The lamp assembly of claim 12, wherein when the glare reducing shield is in the first position, the protuberance is lower than the upper edge of the cutoff shield so that the first illumination level is produced, and when the glare reducing shield is in the second position, the protuberance is higher than the upper edge of the cutoff shield so that the second illumination level is produced.
14. (Canceled)
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19. (Canceled)